

# Oliver Church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

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## Following Christ

Jesus made one of the most profound statements when He declared: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). These three areas (the way, the truth, and the life) are worthy of our consideration.

First, Jesus is the way. Suppose a person is asked directions to a certain place. A person may give directions by saying turn right, go three blocks, turn left at the first light, etc. However, a person could respond: "Follow me, I will lead you there." Jesus is saying that very thing: "Follow me." We need to follow Jesus because He is the way out of darkness, being the light of the world (John 8:12). Jesus said that anyone who follows Him will not abide in darkness (John 12:46). In every aspect of life, Jesus is the way.

Also, Jesus is the truth. There is so much confusion in the world. People everywhere are saying: "No one can know the truth. Since no one can know the truth, there is no truth." Hence, they reason, we must follow our own feelings. To many people in modern-day society, propositional truth does not exist, and personal feelings are the only standard. Jesus stated that one could know the truth (John 8:31-32) and that the right relationship to the truth makes one free (John 8:32). The world says, "Truth does not exist," but Jesus said He is the truth, which implies following His Word (or teachings) (John 14:15; 15:14).

Not only is Jesus the way and the truth, but He is also the life. Our modern society is characterized by despondency and despair. People need direction for their lives (cf. Jeremiah 10:23), and Christ provides this. People also need hope in the face of death. Jesus is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25), and those who believe in Christ shall never die (John 11:26).

Following Jesus means there is a sure direction (the way), a solid foundation (the truth), and a glorious hope (the life). When we follow Jesus, we gain the ultimate victory, and our Savior will lead us to our heavenly Father.

David O'Connell

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024

Announcements . . . . . Jeff Trousdale  
Song Leader . . . . . David Wilbanks  
Opening Prayer (AM) . . . . . Max Chandler  
Closing Prayer (AM) . . . . . Tommy Parker  
Opening Prayer (PM) . . . . . Allen Goode  
Closing Prayer (PM) . . . . . Larry Turpen  
Usher . . . . . Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM . . . . . Wade Stinnett

Audio . . . . . Lonnie Butler  
Building Security . . . . . Wade Stinnett  
Communion Prep . . . . . Vickie Parker

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2024

Song Leader . . . . . Allen Goode  
Scripture Reading . . . . . Wayne Birdwell  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Billy Leone  
Invitation . . . . . Andy Erwin  
Announcements . . . . . Randy Pyle  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Johnny Wilbanks

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

Announcements . . . . . David O'Connell  
Song Leader . . . . . Daniel Ridinger  
Opening Prayer (AM) . . . . . Max Chandler  
Closing Prayer (AM) . . . . . Tommy Parker  
Opening Prayer (PM) . . . . . Billy Leone  
Closing Prayer (PM) . . . . . David Wilbanks  
Usher . . . . . Raymond Sandlin

### Lord's Table

Preside AM & PM . . . . . Jeff Trousdale

Audio . . . . . Lonnie Butler  
Building Security . . . . . Wade Stinnett  
Communion Prep . . . . . Vickie Parker

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 12, 2024

Song Leader . . . . . Randy Pyle  
Scripture Reading . . . . . Tommy Parker  
Opening Prayer . . . . . Larry Turpen  
Invitation . . . . . Chris Olive  
Announcements . . . . . Daniel Ridinger  
Closing Prayer . . . . . Johnny Wilbanks

## From My Heart to Your Heart

We welcome everyone to our Annual Homecoming and the first day of our Gospel Meeting. We are delighted to have you here to worship with us today. After our morning worship, we will share in a fellowship dinner in our annex. We hope everyone can stay and enjoy this wonderful time together. Our afternoon service will be at 1:00 p.m. Again, we thank everyone for being with us today. Every person's presence helps to make today the wonderful event that it is.

On June 12-15, there will be a Church Growth Workshop at Heritage Christian University. The theme will be "Hearts on Fire." A list of speakers and topics is posted on the bulletin board. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

In regard to our sick, brother Bill Brazier is in serious need of prayer. He has an extensive amount of fluid built up in his entire body. Julie Fretwell is recovering from surgery, but she has an additional spot near her heart and lung that will need radiation. Tommy Butler is recovering at home. Also, Ron Moore is recovering at home. James Robbins still has about three more weeks of recovery from his recent surgery. Neal Trousdale is at home. Barry Hamilton is in serious condition and is under hospice care. The family needs our prayers.

Diane Jackson's brother, Lloyd Jackson, is currently at home. He is continuing to have additional treatments. We have been asked to pray for Calvin Gifford, who is the son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss. Becky Clanton is still dealing with congestive heart failure at home. James Robbins' and Glenda Pyle's brother-in-law, Ronald Hill, is still recovering from burns on his legs. Tracie Trousdale's father, Bill Corum, is doing a little better.

We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. Please keep Randy Pyle's mother, Vera Pyle, in your prayers. Also, please pray for Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law, William (Bill) Miller, as he undergoes chemotherapy. Wade Stinnett's cousin, Mike Stinnett, also needs your prayers. Annie Sandlin's sister, Diane Ridgeway, has serious medical problems and needs our prayers. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer: Jennifer Allison, Gene Britnell, Pam Dahlstrom, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford, Rene Griffin, Barry Hamilton, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Lloyd Jackson, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, and Jerry Page.

Our Summer Series will begin on June 12 and will go through August 28. The theme is "The Other Beatitudes."

We want to thank everyone who has helped to prepare for our Gospel Meeting. We are especially grateful to Ronnie Newton and Billy Leone, who spent four hours pressure washing the walkway around the entire building.

David O'Connell

*In Search of the Lord's Way* - Fox 54 Sunday Mornings at 7:30 AM

## OUR RECORD



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|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 26, 2024</b> |
| Bible Study      | 31                  |
| Worship AM       | 43                  |
| Worship PM       | 31                  |
| Contribution     | \$2570              |
| Weekly Budget    | \$2300              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>May 29, 2024</b> |
| Bible Study      | 34                  |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|            |  |
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| June 9-12  | Homecoming and Gospel Meeting, Antioch                 |
| June 12-15 | Church Growth Workshop, Heritage Christian University  |
| June 15    | North Alabama Christian Children's Home Benefit Dinner |



## Happy Birthday!

- 1 Johnny Wilbanks
- 3 Linda Bryan
- 7 Beckham Moore
- 7 Wade Stinnett
- 8 Nelda Hinton
- 8 Gale Newton
- 15 Tommy Butler
- 16 Patsy Wilbanks

## Happy Anniversary!

- 25 Billy and Marla Leone

## In Our Prayers

**Oliver Members:** Tommy & Enid Butler, Marsha Chandler, Becky Clanton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Kathryn Miller, Sandra Porter, Daniel and Anne Ridinger, James Robbins, Ray Sandlin, Hazel Wilbanks, Patsy Wilbanks.

**Family and Friends:** Jennifer Allison (Hazel's niece's daughter), Jonna Dean Barrier, Bill Brazier, Gene Britnell, Brenda Brooks (wife of Mike Brooks and niece of Lorene Troglen), Renee Brown (Norman Brown's mother), Charles Butler, Amy Chandler (Max & Marsha's daughter-in-law), Rex Chandler (Max & Marsha's nephew), Tim & Sherri Clutts, Eugene Coco (Chuck Moore's friend), Rick Crill, Bill Corum (Tracie Trousdale's father), Pam Dahlstrom & Faith Reed, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford (son-in-law of Jackie Miller Poss), Paula Gilliam (Hazel Wilbanks' niece), Belle Graham (Patricia Moore's mother), Vincent Graham (Patricia's nephew), Ken and Beth Hawkins (uncle & aunt of Chuck), Martha Hawkins, Ronald Hill (James Robbins & Glenda's brother-in-law), Earline Hinton (Nelda Hinton's mother), Robert Huffaker, Lloyd Jackson (Diane's brother), Sylvia McClellan, Bill Miller, Contessa Moore and Ron Moore (Chuck's sister & brother), Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Vera Pyle, Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.

**Nursing Home:** Charles Kretzer, Mitchell -Hollingsworth, rm. 312.

*The Gospel of Christ* - Fox 54 (Direct TV) Sunday Mornings at 7:00 AM